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"The Lord . . . hath given you this land." Joshua 1:13

Front Cover Picture

The Faith Baptist Church of Defiance, Ohio, Rev. Merlyn Jones, pastor, has had two major setbacks in purchasing their property. First, it took several months for the desired land to be rezoned. Then . . . before the option was up, the owner passed away involving several more months of waiting and trusting the Lord. Now the property is actually theirs!

Bids have now been taken and an early Spring construction is planned. Seen on the FRONT COVER picture are (L. to R.) Bill Easley (Chairman), Larry Bauer (Secretary) Rev. Merlyn Jones (Pastor), Gale Yenser and Melvin Retcher. These men and Rick Ward (not shown in the picture) comprise the Church Building Committee.

Faith Baptist Church was organized in 1970 and is supported by the North Bethel Fellowship of Churches. The church mailing address has been changed to Faith Baptist Church, Post Office Box No. 244, Defiance, Ohio — 43512.

A Word From Your Editor . . .

In early March, we ministered at Goulais Bay, Canada — in the winter! This was at a Hiawatha Baptist Mission church. Our schedule for the days ahead is as follows. . .

MARCH 11-18 — Edgewood Baptist Church, Anderson, Indiana

MARCH 25-28 — Faith Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio

APRIL 1-6 — Calvary Baptist Church, Tiffin, Ohio

APRIL 8-15 — First Baptist Church, Holland, Michigan

APRIL 23-29 — First Baptist Church, Mishawaka, Indiana

MAY 2 — Bethel Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

MAY 3-6 — First Baptist Church, Corry, Pennsylvania

MAY 13-20 — First Baptist Church, Stryker, Ohio

The other day some dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thompson, asked if they could help with our work of editing THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. It is nice having such friends! *We gave them something to do!* They are going to care for the billing of ads run in the magazine. Payments for these ads should now be sent to . . .

MR. DOUGLAS THOMPSON
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This entails quite a bit of work and it will greatly help us. We do appreciate their doing this. Brother Thompson is employed as Assistant Cashier of The Citizens First National Bank in Xenia, Ohio. Mrs. Thompson (Harriet) is the daughter of Dr. George Lawlor who writes our "Glimpses of Truth From the Greek New Testament". The Thompsons have three precious little children. We repeat — it is nice having such friends!

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BP To Sponsor Leadership Seminar

A Leadership Seminar for pastors, superintendents and Christian education men will be held at Camp Patmos on Kelleys Island, May 21-22. This "Seminar" is absolutely FREE! There will be no charge whatsoever for either meals or lodging.

Since Camp Patmos will house approximately 250, it is necessary that all registrations be considered on "first come — first served" basis. Each person registering must send \$5.00 with his registration, however, this money will be refunded on arrival at the camp.

Mainline messages will be delivered by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Dr. W. Gilbert Welch, Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, Dr. Paul Tassell, Dr. Merle Hull and Dr. Fred Barlow.

REMEMBER THE COST — it is FREE to pastors, superintendents and Christian education men. *We remind you this is limited to 250 men.* Many have already sent their registrations in. **ACT NOW!** Send your registration and \$5.00 to Dr. Fred Barlow, Regular Baptist Press, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Chicago, Illinois — 60018.

Accepts Call To Berlin Heights

The Berlin Heights Baptist Church has extended a call to Brother Michael D. Dersham to serve as their pastor. Brother Dersham is presently a student at Cedarville College and will be graduating this June. After his graduation, he will continue as pastor of the Berlin Heights Baptist Church.

Brother Dersham is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James F. Dersham. Rev. James Dersham serves as Executive Director of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.

We are confident that Brother Michael Dersham will have a rich ministry in Berlin Heights.

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New Pastor At Xenia Church



The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio has called Rev. R. William Wheeler to be their pastor. Brother Wheeler, led of the Lord, has accepted this call and began his work in Xenia in February.

Our brother is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary (now Baptist

O.A.R.B.C.

Men's Retreat

MEN — make plans now to attend our OARBC MEN'S RETREAT. It will be held at Sky View Ranch May 24-26. The program begins Thursday evening with supper at 6:30 p.m. and ends Saturday morning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. **COME** — if only for part of the program!

There will be horseback riding, golf, softball, basketball, archery and a canoe trip! Bring a bed roll and a big, big appetite!

Dr. Hugh T. Hall of Jackson, Michigan is to be the special speaker. He is a pastor, evangelist and popular Bible Conference speaker.

SEND REGISTRATIONS to Rev. William F. Russell, 4420 Second Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio — 44708. The sum of \$3.00 should accompany each registration. The balance should be paid on arrival at the RANCH. For those attending only a part of the MEN'S RETREAT, the cost will be pro-rated.

SPECIAL NOTE — Any church sending a group of ten men — the pastor may attend FREE! Any church sending a group of five men — the pastor may attend for half price.

Bible College of Pennsylvania) with a Th.B. degree. He further pursued his studies at the University of Buffalo and Dallas Theological Seminary. He has received a Th.M. degree from Dallas. Mrs. Wheeler is the daughter of Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. She is a graduate of Cedarville College. "The Wheelers" have four precious little girls.

Prior to his coming to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Rev. Wheeler served in Phoenix, Arizona as a Minister of Education and at the Wealthy Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan as their Minister of Youth and Education.

The members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church are anticipating blessing through the ministry of their new pastor and his family. They are grateful, too, for the faithful ministry of Rev. James Grier of Cedarville College who, for over a year, served as their Interim Pastor.

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Dr. Kenneth Good of the North Olmsted Baptist Church led us in a "Prophecy Conference". Hearts were blessed as he expounded the Word of God.

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS —

We had a fine Prophetic Conference with Rev. John Green as guest teacher. We now have a Youth Choir and our Joy Club ministry is being blessed of the Lord. Some of our children have come to Christ through this work. We have reached the 100 mark in our Sunday School.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH —

Brother Clifton Miller (BMM — Campus Ministries), Director of the Q and A Center which is adjacent to Cleveland State University told of his work among college students. He also held a "workshop" on the general theme — "How To Minister To College Young People."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER —

Our Ladies Missionary Fellowship had Mrs. Milton Barkley, President of our State Women's Missionary Union, as guest speaker. Later, they had Miss Norma Nulph (BMM — Metropolitan Missions) tell of her work. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. William Alexander, recently suffered a slight heart attack. She is now, praise the Lord, improving in health.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN —

We recently held a "Spiritual Life Conference". Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife were with us for this ministry. It proved a time of blessing to our people. We are thankful for the ministry we have, as a church, among many of the students attending Bowling Green University. A group of our young people made a trip to Cedarville to see the College.

CANAL FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH —

We praise the Lord for the increased attendance in our church. The Lord is blessing in many ways. We stand in need of a Communion set. If you know of one, please inform us — Pastor George Stitz, Box 443, Canal Fulton, Ohio — 44614.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON —

The Sword Bearers of Cedarville College ministered here recently. These young people have a most effective testimony for Christ. A Sunday School Workshop was conducted by personnel of the Regular Baptist Press. They afforded us valuable information. Missionary Dr. Richard Stagg (ABWE — Bangladesh) was with us in early February.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

Our Men's Fellowship sponsored our third annual "Sweetheart Banquet". Rev. Dean Henry of Akron, Ohio was the special speaker. On February 11th we held a Christian Education Sunday at which time we featured the work of our Baptist Christian School. A special Sunday School Conference is being held on March 10th.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

The Westside Baptist Bible Institute, an Evening School of Adult Education, meets each Monday night in our church. There are presently over fifty (50) students. Courses are presented including Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Understanding Teaching, Understanding Children and Youth and Sunday School Success. As a church we celebrated our 10th Anniversary with special meetings. Dr. Reginald Matthews was guest speaker. On Sunday, March 11th we burned our church mortgage.

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

Recent speakers include Dr. Raymond Buck (BMM), Rev. James Comstock and Dr. Bud Hurst. Brother Hurst and his wife are missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions in Liberia. They only recently returned home from that field.

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

We recently voted to remodel our Kitchen and build an addition to our Nursery with a Bathroom for toddlers. It was also voted to increase support to seven of our missionary families and to add one new family — Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Wimer (BMM — Africa). Both Ron and Leonard Mezner (missionaries to Brazil), as well as Rev. and Mrs. Richard Tice (ABWE — Chile) will be with us for our Missionary Conference. Miss Janet Wolfe (BMM — Brazil) spoke here recently.

We invite all of our OARBC pastors to place us on their mailing list. Send us your Church Calendars each week. Our mailing address is simply — Editor Don Moffat, Box No. 160, Xenia, Ohio — 45385.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

The West Moriah Pastors Fellowship met recently in our church. We had the privilege of hearing Dr. Richard Stagg (ABWE — Bangladesh). During March, Miss Janet Wolfe (BMM — Brazil) and Rev. Dick Marsh (BMM — Alaska) will be presenting their respective fields.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Rev. John Bird was here recently. To us we had the pleasure of hearing Missionary Ben Kendrick (BMM — Africa). We are pleased with the growth of our AWANA clubs. More and more young people are becoming interested in this excellent program for youth. We look forward to having Evangelist Bob Sumner here for special meetings May 13-20.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Brother Ben Kendrick (BMM — Africa) was with us for our Missionary Conference. Brother Kendrick has served the Lord in Africa for over 20 years. On February 23 we held a special "Maranatha School-Parent Night." Professor James Grier of Cedarville College was the guest speaker. A "Family Life Conference" was held February 25 with Rev. Donald Worch, Executive Director of the Baptist Children's Home — Kalamazoo, Indiana, as special speaker.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Pastor and Mrs. Don Winters hosted dinner for old and new deacons, trustee bus drivers and their wives. We held a Missionary Conference in early January. Speakers included Miss Beth Odor (EBM — Niger), Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hornbrook (BMM — Mexico) and Rev. James Dersham (FBM). Also, we were privileged to have Rev. Donald Worch from the Baptist Children's Home minister here.

PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Evangelist Ed. Morrell spoke at one of our mid-week services. He told of his ministry in Jamaica. Dr. Clinton Branine, pastor of the Suburban Baptist Church in Indianapolis was with us for a Prophecy Conference.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, COMMERCIAL POINT —

We recently celebrated the Second Anniversary of our church. We were privileged to have our State Missionary — Rev. E. Umbaugh deliver the Sunday morning and evening messages. Hearts were blessed. After the evening service, folk enjoyed fellowship together. The Anniversary Cake and the refreshments were delicious!

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WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON —

Missionary Allen Fisher (BMM — Chad, Africa) spoke here recently. He is the son of veteran missionaries (now retired) Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Fisher. We had the privilege of seeing the film — "The Ultimate Adventure". This is a Moody Science film.

THE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON —

Our pastor, Rev. David Dunkin, brought afternoon messages for a week over on WCRF. Recent speakers include Rev. John Small (ABWE — Brazil), Dr. Donald W. Dyer (GRBBC), Rev. Bruce McDonald (Northland Baptist Church), Rev. L. W. Beckley (Africa) and Rev. Loren Schenck (Grafton). Paul Friederichsen (ABWE representative) was our special speaker at our Missionary Conference.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON —

Evangelist Tom Williams of Denver, Colorado and "The Musical Kriegers" held an eight-day series for us. Their ministry was one of blessing and challenge. We recently installed new equipment that has greatly enhanced our Dial-A-Meditation ministry.

SEVENTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON —

We adopted a new budget for 1973 that exceeds \$41,400. We rejoice in this in that the church is but two years old. The Lord is good. The sum of \$8,500 was paid toward reducing our debt. This was realized in a one month period. Last year our Sunday School averaged 144 per Sunday. Our goal for '73 is 201. The Lord blessed through our Missionary Conference. Guest missionary speakers were Rev. Frank Hartwig (ABWE — Philippines), Rev. Charles Reeves (BMM — Alaska) and Rev. David Marcum (BIMI — Iran).

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON —

The special Dedication Services held during January proved a blessing to our people. Much was gained, too, through the Bible Workers Conference. This was presented by personnel of our Regular Baptist Press. William Kuhnle spoke at our Dedication Service. Rev. Earl P. Muller was with us February 25 through March 4 in a Bible Prophecy Conference. His messages are innovative and made very clear through the use of Bible Charts.

SEVENTH BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER —

Rev. Earl Umbaugh, our State Missionary, spoke here in late February. He presented the Camp Program in our Evening Service. We are holding a Spring Bible Conference March 25-28 with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat as guest speaker.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER —

Eleven of our young people attended Winter Advance at Sky View Ranch. Rev. John Loper of Cedarville College ministered in the absence of our pastor—Rev. Milton Kley. We held our Third Annual Bible Conference at the end of January. Rev. Harold Morley (Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa) and a musical group from the school were with us during these days.

CHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH —

We recently had the joy of burning our church mortgage. This was all paid off 18 months early! Participating in the ceremony were Pastor David Shimp, the

church trustees and our church treasurer, Mrs. Ailene Keller. Brother James Dersham (FBHM) conducted six days of Bible teaching evangelism. We praise the Lord for those recently saved and baptized.

PLEASANT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST LIVERPOOL —

The Lord Blessed through the special meetings of Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat. We thank the Lord for Mrs. Moffat's ministry, too. Souls were reached for Christ! Rev. and Mrs. Frank Odor (Vienna Baptist Church) were with us during our Watchnight service. This same evening we used our newly installed baptistry for the first time. Our pastor, Rev. Moosey and his wife took some of our young people to visit Cedarville College. We've only recently remodeled our church and it looks beautiful.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW LONDON —

Pastor Moore is now bringing a series of messages on "The Christian Home". Our Ladies Missionary group are working on a VBS project for Miss Janet Wolfe (BMM — Brazil). During March we are having the Cedarville College Choir present a sacred concert.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH LORAIN —

During February a gospel team from Faith Baptist Bible College (Ankeny, Iowa) ministered here. The team included Rev. O. S. Morley, Dean at FBBC and a musical group. We anticipate blessing during March when Evangelist Robert Sumner will be with us.

HARMONY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW MATAMORAS —

We held our first Sunday service in our new auditorium on Christmas Sunday. We recently held our first wedding. Everything went off beautifully. Our new JOY CLUBS have gotten under way. We praise the Lord for all He has done for us!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA —

Rev. Albert E. Johnson is serving as our Interim Pastor. A love offering was taken for our former pastor, Rev. Kenneth Smelser and his wife. Added to the offering was a gift from the church of \$1,000. The Smelsers are now ministering in Lake Worth, Florida.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, MINFORD —

Our Missionary Conference was a blessing! Those taking part were Mr. Andrew Wood (Director of Shepherd's Home for Retarded Children), Mr. Don Kinzer (Director of Word of Life Fellowship for this area), Dr. Richard Stagg (missionary appointee to Bangladesh under ABWE), Mr. Leeland Crofts (Director Hebrew and Christian Society — BMM) and Rev. Earl Umbaugh (State Missionary for our OARBC).

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH —

A group of approximately 20 of our folk attended Bill Gothard's Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts. This was held in Detroit, Michigan. We are looking to the Lord to greatly bless through our coming evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Jack Murray. The dates are March 25 through April 1.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, OREGON —

We had a blessed time during our Missionary Conference. Guest speakers were a part of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. They were Rev. Harold Amstutz (Candidate Secretary), Rev. Norman

Nicklas (Brazil) and Rev. Leigh Upchurch (Philippine Islands).

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH —

We had the joy of sitting under the ministry of Rev. Gerald Smelser (The Cleveland Hebrew Mission). Our pastor, Dr. Kenneth Good conducted a Bible Conference in Ashland, Ohio.

POLAND VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, POLAND —

A special reception was given in honor of our new pastor — Rev. Calvin Steiner — and his family. This was held at the church on February 1. It was a time that included a short musical package, a special welcome and a time of fellowship and refreshments. We are thankful to the Lord for sending us our new pastor.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH —

We praise the Lord for the impact made on our church and our community through the ministry of the Life Action Crusade team. We have set up two "Instruction Classes" (Membership Classes). One is for the children — 6th grade and younger and the other for adults 7th grade and older. All members of the church (new and old) are being encouraged to attend.

REYNOLDSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

Missionaries Gene Townes (BMM — Africa) and Robert Shumaker (ABWE — Japan) spoke here recently. Two musical groups will be with us soon. They are the Philadelphia College of Bible Chorale and Cedarville College's Swordbearers. We voted unanimously to provide Missionary Sam Hornbrook (BMM — Mexico) the sum of \$2400 for a car.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY —

Brother Earl Umbaugh (OARBC State Missionary) was with us recently to present our State D.F.C. program. Rev. Howard Clayton Gray also ministered here in early February.

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For many years, in the pages of *THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST*, there appeared articles entitled — "Beams From The Lighthouse". These were written by Mrs. Walter H. Keisler. They had to do with the work she and her husband, Rev. Walter H. Keisler, were doing at the Huntington City Mission in Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Keisler went to be with her Lord a little over five years ago. Brother Keisler continued as Superintendent of the Mission, however, as of February 1st (this year) he retired. He now serves as Superintendent Emeritus.

The following are excerpts taken from an article which appeared in a publication of *The Huntington City Mission* on their Thirty-Third Anniversary

Rev. Walter H. Keisler will take his full retirement as of February 1, 1973, and will relinquish the leadership of the Huntington City Mission at this time. He is one of Huntington's senior ministers in point of service at one post, having been Superintendent of the Mission from February 1, 1940 until three years ago when he became Superintendent Emeritus, making a total of 33 years.

Walter and Vivian Keisler were a young married couple who had "everything", it would have seemed. In their hearts was an emptiness, their house was just that and not a home at all, and they were considering a divorce. On their way to a movie one evening, they were attracted by a sign advertising special meetings at the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio. The sign mentioned a great Gospel tenor, and being interested in music, they decided to go to the service. The date was January 31, 1930. The Gospel tenor was George Dibble. He sang, and his wife, Laura "Mom" Dibble was the speaker. Her subject that night was "The Need of a Christian Home". This was what Walter and

Vivian Keisler both needed, and that night, God for Jesus' sake forgave them their sins and made them new creatures in Christ.

It was seven years later that the Keislars unreservedly dedicated their lives to the Lord for full time service. The very next morning the call came for a couple to take over the children's work of the Union Mission, Charleston, W. Va. As Rev. Keisler has remarked on many occasions, "Don't say *unreservedly* unless you mean it because God will take you at your word."

They put God to the test by asking that their house be sold. God sent along an engaged couple who wanted Mr. Keisler to build them a house in the future. They visited the Keislars the very evening that the Keislars had prayed about the matter of selling their house, and the young couple bought the house before they left that night!



Rev. Walter H. Keisler

At Charleston, they became "Mom and Daddy" to 80 children, nursed them through 30 cases of measles, cases of whooping cough and 2 cases of double pneumonia the first winter they were there. After 2 years and months in Charleston in what proved to be an apprenticeship for them, God opened the door for them to come to Huntington to take over a new Mission organized by a group of Christian businessmen.

The Huntington City Mission was opened February 1, 1940, just three years after the Keislars were saved.

Starting out with \$98.00, a rundown building and a few pieces of second hand furniture, the Keislars built the Mission to what it is today.

The Mission has had throughout the years the following work: a feeding and sleeping program for transient men, a home for unwed mothers, a Bible Club for children, a playground in the early years and now a Youth Center, an outpost Sunday School in Lewis Hollow just east of Huntington, clothing distribution to needy families, food baskets to needy families at Christmas, and a service every night in the Mission chapel.

Lest anyone be perturbed about it, Mr. Keisler is not retiring so completely from the work of the Mission that he won't be around at all. He will continue to make his home in Huntington, and his love and concern for the Mission will go on, but the leadership of the Mission is being passed on to other capable hands.

Rev. W. H. Keisler, Superintendent Emeritus, Miss Glenna LeMaster, Executive Secretary, and the Board of Directors wish to thank those who have had any part in keeping the doors of this Lighthouse open.

TO WALTER KEISLER ON HIS RETIREMENT

Once building homes and pleasure satisfied;
Then Christ came in and earth's ambitions died,
For in his Lord his life was crucified.
First lowly ways were found to serve in song
In jails and county homes, where miseries throng,
For Walter's voice was clear and true and strong.
Nor must we here forget a sweeter voice
Which in duet with his made all rejoice —
Vivian's — whose life joined his by mutual choice.

Such service led these two surrendered wills
Down to the teeming West Virginian hills
For larger ministries to human ills.
They loved and labored long together there
In song and teaching, counselling and prayer,
Giving themselves to all who knew despair.
Now Vivian tunes her harp to heavenly lays
While Walter waits to finish out his days.
For both we thank our God and offer praise.

. . . Ralph T. Nordlund

Faith Healing"

by George L. Norris

Since I have been unable to attend church for the past few months I have been listening to church services on the radio or on television. There are blessings from these services, but nothing to compare with being in church. Those who are able to go and do not should think of the possibility that they may not be able to go. Among the services I have heard, however, are a number who preach salvation by faith in Jesus Christ and are true to the Word. Some I have heard place the main burden of their ministry on "Faith healing."

Now no one doubts that God is able to miraculously heal any disease. He can give life when there is no hope of life. He can work beyond medicine, beyond the doctors. He can work a miracle in giving health. Most of us have either witnessed or expressed some miraculous healing. As I listen to these ones who exhort their listeners to "pray the prayer of faith" there are questions, not doubts, but questions that come to my mind. First there is the question of mortality. Do they believe that the "prayer of faith" prayed long enough will extend a man's days to ninety, a

Refuses To Compromise

Upon learning that the National Broadcasters Agency was cooperating with Key 73, Evangelist Jack Wyrzten asked that his name be removed from the NRB Board of Directors.

"I do not want to be associated in any way with this kind of compromise," the founder of Word of Life declared. He described the program as "just more of the New-evangelical compromise taking it one step further than compromise than they have ever done before."

We Humbly Apologize

In our JANUARY '73 issue we ran a full page article concerning the late Rev. Verne Dunham. It was entitled — "He Came, Stayed and Paid the Price." The article had to do with the accident that resulted in his death.

It was called to our attention that we failed to mention that Brother Dunham was serving as an "Interim Missionary" under the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. We are sorry for this omission. It was indeed an oversight on our part.

Since his death, Mrs. Dunham has continued on officially as a part of B.H.M. and is presently working with FBHM missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Harold Cobb in Wellsville, New York.

hundred, a hundred and fifty? Why not try for two hundred? Secondly there is the question of selfishness. Is this prayer for our own sakes? Is it that we are not ready yet to face the end of life? God who numbered our days from eternity made no mistake in His plans for each of us.

Would it not rather be better to say with Paul, "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death." Surely the verses following (Phil. 1:21-23) should be the testimony of every Christian. Is Romans 8:38 no longer meaningful? "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor other creatures, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I do not believe anyone should pray for healing until he has come

to the point that he is willing to accept the will of God for his own life, whether that will be health or death.

I keep remembering the case of "Good King Hezekiah." When God's prophet announced that he would die, Hezekiah prayed for God to extend his days. A careful reading of the extended days of Hezekiah reveal that whereas before he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, after he was given an extension of life, he did nothing that was right in the eyes of the Lord and Israel suffered greatly under his administration.

Admittedly no one wants to be "in the straight" between life and death, but we should not fear either consummation. If God wills that we live longer to serve Him, well and good, but if He wills we depart to be with Christ, this is still, "far better."

In illness, we do need to pray for grace and patience to face the needs of each day with courage and calmness, but nothing is to be gained by desiring longevity for its own sake.

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Feasting On The Word

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them. . ." — (Jeremiah 15:16a)

We will note from this verse that God does not want us to merely *taste* His Word, but to *eat* it . . . make it a part of ourselves. There are several things that make up a good meal, and Jesus is able to supply every one of them. The Psalmist said, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." — (Psalm 23:5) We have a most wonderful guest to eat with us. Jesus said, "I will come in to him, and will sup with him." (Rev. 3:20)

Linen is provided — "The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." (Rev. 19:8 RV) Our God has a *cup* provided — "My cup runneth over." (Psalm 23:5) Our table is ready for food. What shall our food be? "I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12 RV) On our menu today we have the following:

MEAT — "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." (John 4:34)

SALT — "Let your speech be . . . seasoned with salt." (Col. 4:6)

BREAD — "Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." (Deut. 8:3)

BUTTER — "Butter and honey shall he eat." (Isa. 7:15)

HONEY — ". . . and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness." Ezekiel 3:3 and Jeremiah 15:16)

MILK — "I fed you with milk." (I Cor. 3:2 RV)

FRUIT — "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance;" (Gal. 5:22, 23)

Thus we have a good meal for the child of God, and thus, God's child can go out and win the battle against Satan and sin. This can be done, for "Thy words were found and I did eat them."

. . . THE BIBLICAL DIGEST

Ladies Meet at Boardman Baptist Temple

Miss Ruth Hege was the speaker when 104 women from 13 area churches attended the Fellowship at the Boardman Baptist Temple, Boardman, Ohio. Miss Ruth Hege, retired missionary to Venezuela and the Congo under Baptist Mid-Missions challenged the ladies to live daily for the Lord, especially in their homes, to bring up their children in a consecrated Christian way in order that they might be prepared to meet to-days problems.

Nancy Ellis of the host church was the song leader. Mrs. Roxie Weimer, organist and Mrs. Charles Moore, pianist were from the host church which also provided special music with a trio consisting of Nancy Ellis, Vange Eisenbraun and Edith Stiles. Mrs. Hazel Seifer brought the devotions.

Mrs. David Hunter, Vienna Baptist Church, presided during the business session. A new project was chosen

for 1973, to provide money for a tape recorder for Miss Beth Odor, missionary in Dosso, Africa. Mrs. Rhea Gilmour, First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio closed the meeting with prayer.

Preceding the meeting the ladies of the host church served those attending coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall.

The next meeting will be April 24th at 1:00 p.m. The place to be announced.

—reported by

Mrs. Thomas McClish

Important Dates To Remember!

APRIL 5 —

North Bethel Women's Fellowship at First Baptist Church, Fostoria Road and Plaza Street, Findlay, Ohio. Speakers are Mrs. Don Worch, Baptist Children's Home (Kouts, Indiana) and Mrs. Earl Umbaugh (Stow, Ohio).

APRIL 17 —

Women's Missionary Union Spring Rally — Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Street, Findlay, Ohio (Just off I 75). Theme: "Establish thou the work of our hands." (Psalm 90:17) Speakers include Rev. and Mrs. David Gerhardt (FBHM work with Sioux Indians Martin, South Dakota) and Rev. Warren Simmons (FBHM Joy Clubs Director, Elyria, Ohio). Details regarding luncheon will be included in the general mailing to the OARB churches.



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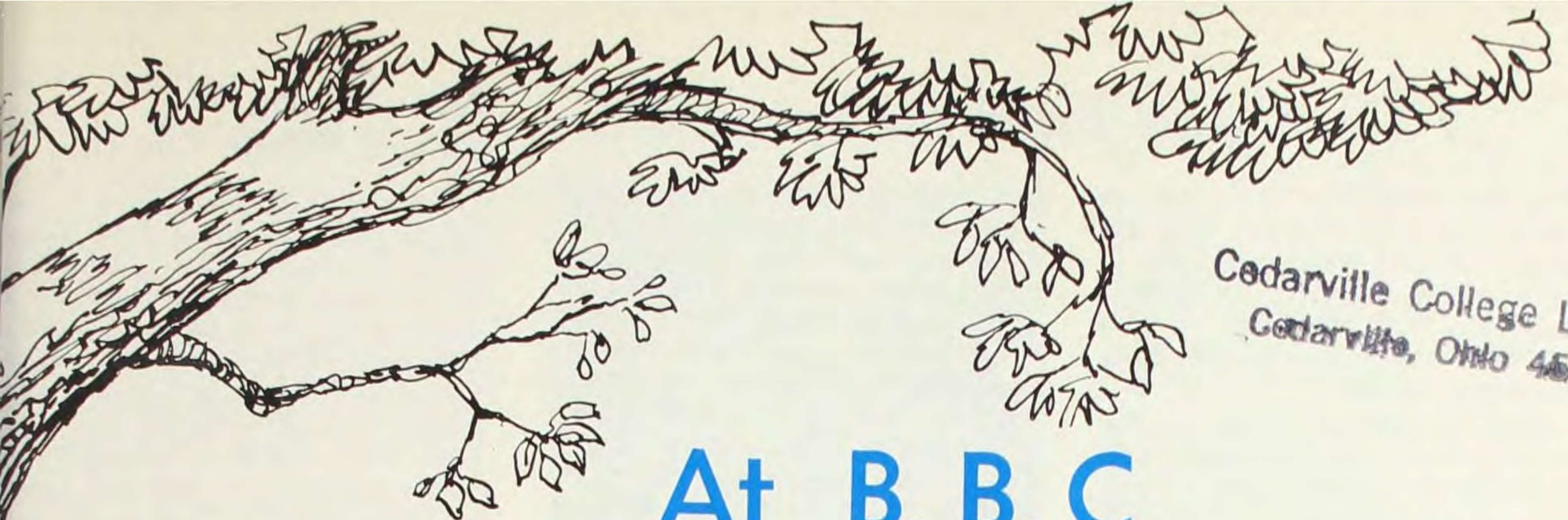
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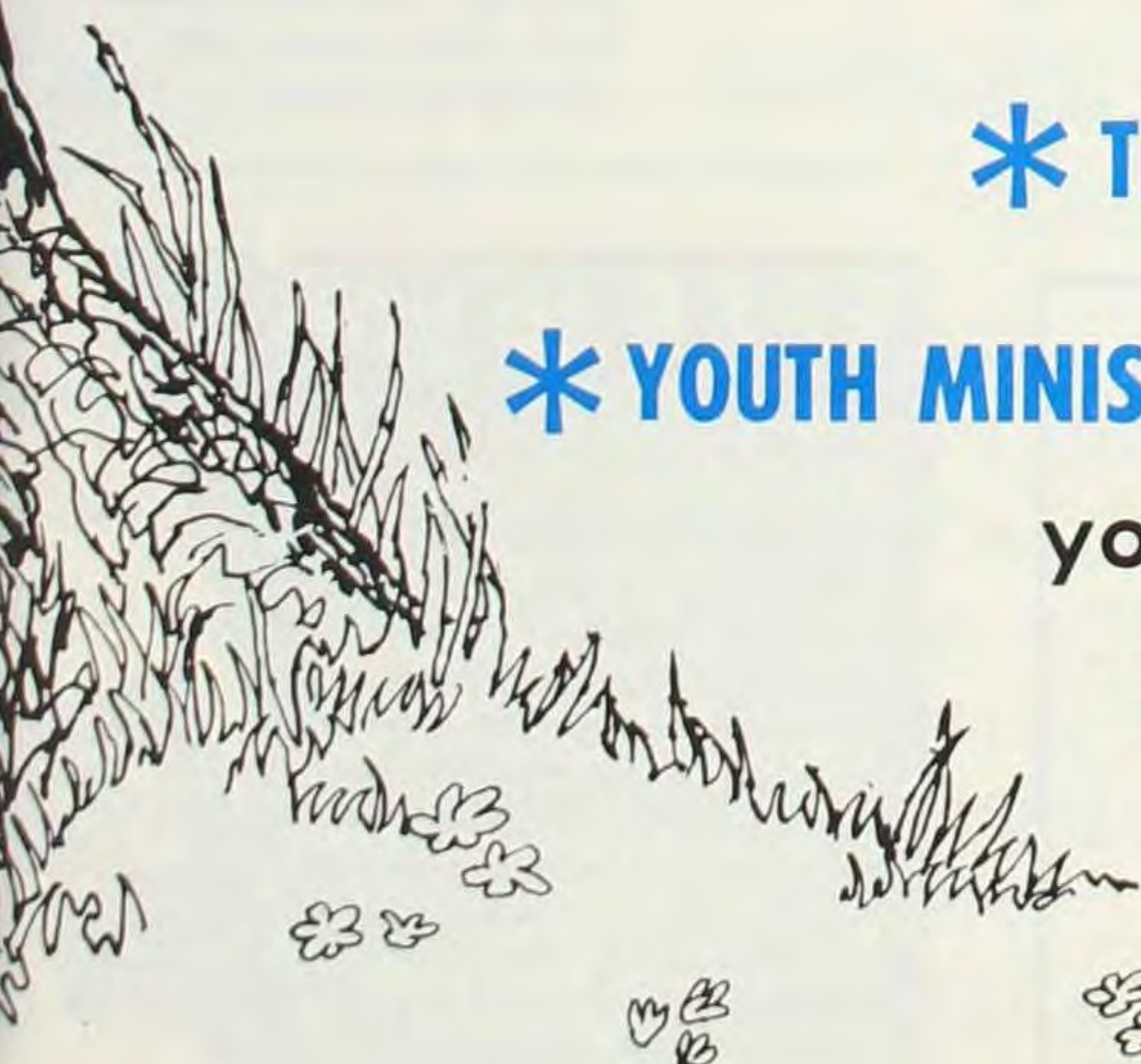
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In our JANUARY '73 issue, we ran a "Word Of Thanks" from our brother — Rev. Joseph McCaba — for an offering sent him by those in attendance at our 45th Annual OARBC conference held in Portsmouth last October.

Word has reached us that our dear friend is now with His Lord whom he served so faithfully and so well.



Brother McCaba was born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey. He was the founder of the Evangelical Baptist Missions, Inc., Hawthorne, N. J. Rev. McCaba began the work of the EBM in the Republic of Niger (French Sudan) in 1928 and later developed work in seven other countries.

He was able to converse in Arabic, as well as, French and the African tongues. He was equally at home in the Middle East, Europe and Africa. At one time, he reduced the Djerma language to writing and translated the New Testament thus giving the Djer-

ma people of Niger the Word of God.

Notable in the work of Rev. McCaba has been that of diplomacy, first with the officials of the French government and later with the heads of diplomatic representatives of the new African nations of Niger, Mali and Algeria. Mali and Algeria. An example of this was his decoration by the President of Niger, Mr. Hamani Diori. As a boy, the President attended Bible classes taught by Mr. McCaba. While he never surrendered to Christ, he remained a 'steadfast friend and regarded Mr. McCaba as a counselor. He sent his son to the EBM Elementary School in Niamey.

In the Niger area, a part of the world where Brother McCaba spent many years, the EBM has established an elementary school for African children with a present enrollment of over 350 students, two orphanages, two dispensaries and an elementary school for missionary children. Eight mission stations have been established.

"Brother Joe", as he was affectionately called by many of his friends, retired as General Director of EBM eight years ago and moved to Florida where he served as Mission Consultant until the time of his death. He kept an active interest in promoting the work of EBM at home and abroad. He was widely known throughout the United States and particularly among our GARB churches as a missionary statesman and Bible teacher. He will be missed by family, missionaries, pastors and friends.

Dr. Kenneth Good, pastor of the North Olmsted Baptist Church, conducted his funeral in Paterson, New Jersey.

Now Serving At Poland Village Church

Rev. Calvin M. Steiner is now serving as pastor of the Poland Village Baptist Church in Poland, Ohio. Prior to coming to the Poland church, he pastored the Olivet Baptist Church in Bellwood, Pennsylvania. He, at one time, was Director of Christian Education in the First Baptist Church of New Town Square, Pennsylvania.

Our brother was born and reared in Akron, Ohio. He received his B.A. in history at Houghton College and his Master of Theology from the Dallas Theological Seminary.

As part of his training, while in seminary, he did pastoral internships at Brown Street Baptist Church in Akron and Trinity Church in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Steiner was graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and received her B.A. at Houghton College. The Steiners have two sons — James Kent, 3½ and Jonathan Craig, 1½.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Steiner have had experience teaching in public schools. The Steiner family now reside in the church parsonage at 77 Hill Drive in Poland. This is adjacent to the church. We trust the Lord will give them a rich and blessed ministry at Poland Village. We are happy he is a part of our OARBC fellowship.

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"Old Testament Survey I, Law and History" is taught by Rev. Frank Odor, Dean of the school and Pastor of the Vienna Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Barrett, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Hubbard, teaches "Understanding Teaching" and "Soul Winning Evangelism" is taught by Rev. Marvin Werbeach, Pastor of the Independent Baptist Church, North Jackson. Mrs. Frank Odor is the Registrar.

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Presently, they are members of the Faith Baptist Church in Van Wert. Rev. Norman D. Wheeler is their pastor. Jastor Wheeler, members of the church and friends ha da special

supper at the church for "the Hilemans". Also, an "open house" was held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Hileman dearly love the Lord and are active in the work of their church. They have experienced fifty wonderful years walking hand in hand before the Lord. We congratulate them on this their "golden anniversary"!

Ordained To Gospel Ministry

At a called Council for the examination of Mr. Thomas T. Bowman, it was recommended to the Faith Baptist Church of Greenville, Ohio that they proceed with his ordination. The Council met at 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 1973.

The Chairman of the Council was the candidate's former pastor, Rev. Harold Green. And the Clerk was Rev. William Davis. Brother Green is the Campus Pastor at Cedarville College and Brother Davis pastors the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fairborn, Ohio.

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Guest speaker will be Alberta Helfrick. She is a children's worker from Cleveland, Ohio, well experienced in the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Discussion will center around Brigade and Pioneer Girls, Vacation Bible Schools, Five Day Clubs, Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church and Home Bible Clubs. There will be workshops, displays, practical helps, demonstrations, principles of teaching and questions and answers.

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Dr. Arthur F. Williams is presently serving as Interim Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. He and Mrs. Williams are living at 1962 Prouty, Xenia, Ohio — 45385.

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Wednesday my conscience awakened
By pleas from a still, small voice.
Prayer meeting left me uplifted,
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Friday His nudging was strong.
Saturday I came to repentance
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Mr. Marshall succeeds Rev. Robert Richards who resigned in 1970 and Dr. Harold Wittig who served as Acting General Director for the past two years.

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BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

Miss Janet Wolfe (BMM — Brazil) spoke at both our mid-week prayer service and also to our Ladies Missionary Group. Our pastor recently spoke on "Meet The Pastor" radio program over station WEEC. A group of our men attended the Bus Conference at Lynchburg, Virginia. Our Bus Ministry is young but growing! Cedarville College Choralaires were with us in early March.

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

The "Classics Quartet" from Cedarville College was with us one Sunday in late January. Their ministry proved to be one of blessing. Following the evening service, our young people held a Singspiration. Mr. Ken Nichols of Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville was in charge of this service. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Margraff who are serving the Lord in Home Missions told of their work. We anticipate blessing through the Lyle Anderson-Peggy Bush Concert to be held here on March 11th.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

Baptist Mid-Missions missionary to Brazil, Miss Janet Wolfe spoke at one of our Family Night services. Our Missionary Conference was held February 25 through 28. During this time missionaries under ABWE, representing Far East fields, presented challenging messages.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

While Pastor Sewell and his wife were visiting (and ministering) in Bangladesh, Rev. Harold Amstutz (ABWE) and Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat preached in his stead. The Lord blessed. We had an excellent time sitting under the ministry of Dr. Ernest Pickering (Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania). We praise the Lord for the continued growth in our Sunday School and Church attendance.

LEWIS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

We thank the Lord for those who came to Christ recently. We held a groundbreaking

service for our new Sunday School unit. Some 54 were in attendance for our new Soul Winning Class.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, VAN WERT —

The Lord blessed in our special meetings with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat. We have subscribed to a bundle lot (25 copies) of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN —

We wish to thank the Lord for the blessings received through the ministry of Brother Ben Jennings. His ministry is one that truly challenges a believer to serve his Lord. We thank the Lord for those who have recently been received into our church.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE —

The Executive Director of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions — Rev. James Dersham was with us recently. Pastor Burns is bringing a series of messages at our mid-week services on the Holy Spirit. Miss Janet Wolfe (BMM — Brazil) spoke at one of our mid-week services. Recently we viewed the film "Like A Mighty Army".

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Dr. Cleveland McDonald, professor at Cedarville College and former missionary to Brazil, ministered here recently. His ministry was one of blessing.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLOWICK —

Evangelist Dr. Hugh Horner will be holding special meetings here March 25 through March 30. Our Spring Bible Conference has been set for May 6 through 9 and we will have Brother B. F. Cate (Tallmadge, Ohio) as guest teacher. He is a fine Bible teacher and his ministry will be one of blessing.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

Our new pastor, Rev. William Wheeler, began his work here on February 18th. Missionary Stan Brittain (BMM — Liberia) was with us and told of how the Lord is leading him and his family to begin a new work under Baptist Mid-Missions in New Zealand.

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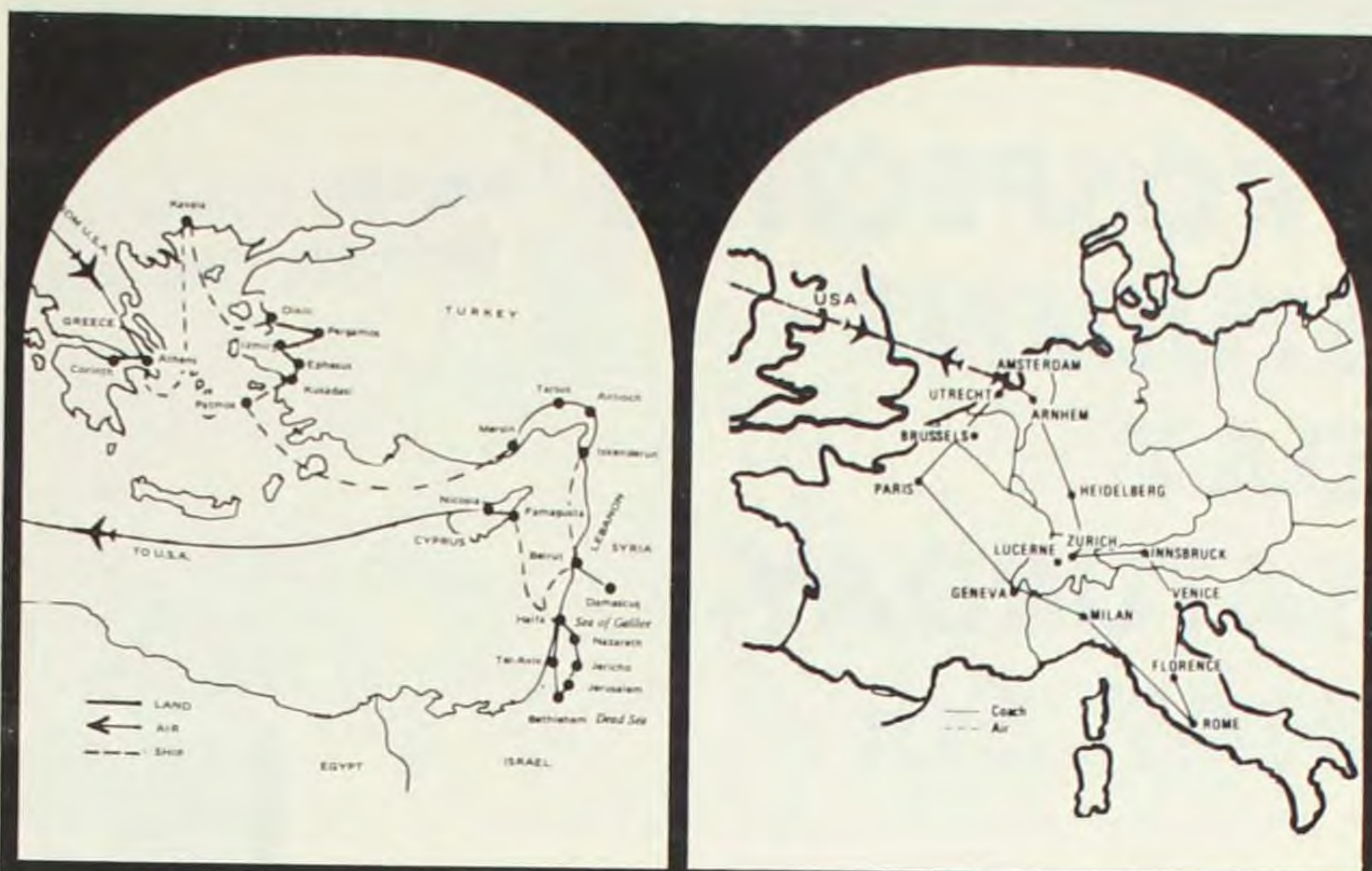
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